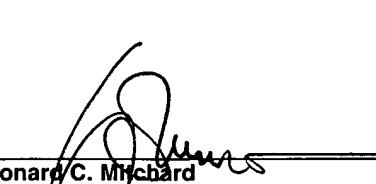


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 10/530,862
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/AU2003/001349	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 13 October 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 11 October 2002 22 August 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION A SUPPORT APPARATUS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US McLAUGHIN et al		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The U.S. has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (pages specification, claims & abstract (claims), sheets drawings).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (pages specification, claims & abstract (claims), sheets drawings, page Certificate of Translation).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration was submitted to the International Bureau during International Phase (see copies of Declaration (page Form PCT/RO/101 and Form PCT/IB/371 and first page of printed publication acknowledging receipt thereof attached).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>		
<p>Items 11 To 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. a. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. § 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT-Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information. Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a) to Proceed when an Inventor Refuses to Sign; Executed Declaration of Ian R. Tannahill w/Exhibits 1-9; Executed Exclusive Substitute Power of Attorney; Identification of Practitioners to be Recognized;</p>		

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/11/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/11/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 04/11/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/11/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/11/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/11/2005
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- Priority Documents filed on 04/11/2005
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- Drawings filed on 04/11/2005

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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Sir:

IDENTIFICATION OF PRACTITIONERS TO BE RECOGNIZED

Of the Patent Practitioners identified in the concurrently filed Power of Attorney,
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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.47(a) TO PROCEED WHEN AN INVENTOR
REFUSES TO SIGN**

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.47(a), petition is hereby made to proceed when joint inventor
McLaughlin refuses to sign. The following documents are attached:

Factual declaration of Ian Tannahill with attached exhibits;

Executed Rule 63 declaration;

Executed assignment, recordal cover sheet and recordal fee;

The petition fee of \$130.00 under 37 CFR §1.17(h).

The last known address of Mr. McLaughlin is:

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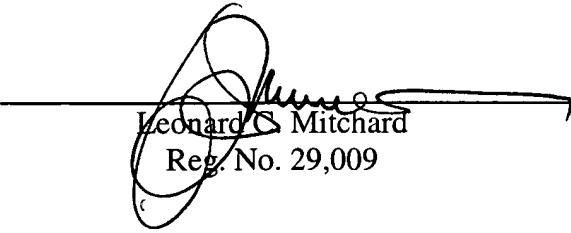
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Authority is hereby given to charge any deficiency to our Account No. 14-1140.

Grant of the present Petition is respectfully requested.

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